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UM STUDENTS, FACULTY TRAVEL TO NONPROFIT MANAGEMENT INSTITUTE

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Students and faculty from The University of Montana recently traveled to Kansas City, Mo., to attend the 2004 American Humanics Management Institute, an educational experience focusing on nonprofit management.

Andrea Vernon, campus director of UM's American Humanics program, represented UM in Kansas City and served as a case study facilitator at the institute. Russell Afton, a junior at UM, was selected as liaison to the 2004 management institute student advisory council. Students Rachel Carroll, Heather Fanning and Keri Herring-Bird also were participants in the 2004 Institute.

More than 500 students from 70 colleges and universities attended the intensive four-day educational symposium to gain credit toward the American Humanics certificate in nonprofit management. Activities included workshops held by local and national nonprofit experts, a case-study competition and networking exercises with fellow students, faculty and nonprofit executives.

American Humanics is a national alliance of colleges, universities and nonprofits determined to educate, prepare and certify professionals to run nonprofit organizations.

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American Humanics is affiliated with more than 75 colleges and universities across the nation, including UM. It partners with 18 national nonprofit organizations including the American Red Cross, United Way of America and the YMCA.

Every year the Management Institute meets to expose upperclass students to experiences they will encounter as youth and human service agency professionals. For students enrolled in the American Humanics nonprofit management program, the institute serves as a capstone experience. The event travels to a different city each year and takes place between the fall and spring semesters.

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